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Letter dated 1 August 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 10 July 2000, I have the honour to draw your attention to new violations of the flight information region (FIR) of Nicosia and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, recorded on 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26 and 27 July 2000.

On 14 July, one (1) CN-235 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic, returning afterwards to the FIR of Ankara.

On 16 July, one (1) CN-235 and one (1) C-130 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic, returning afterwards to the FIR of Ankara.

On 17 July, seven (7) Turkish military aircraft (1 F-16, 4 C-130, 1 C-160 and 1 B-200) entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus as follows:

- The F-16 aircraft flew over the areas of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas)-Famagusta-Nicosia-Cape Kormakitis, before returning to the FIR of Ankara.
- One C-130 and the B-200 aircraft flew over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic, returning afterwards to the FIR of Ankara.
- The three remaining C-130 aircraft, as well as the C-160 aircraft flew over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Lefkoniko in the occupied area of the Republic, returning afterwards to the FIR of Ankara.

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On 18 July, one (1) CN-235 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Lefkoniko in the occupied area of the Republic.

On 19 July, thirteen (13) Turkish military aircraft (1 F-16, 2 F-4, 9 F-5 and 1 C-160) entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus as follows:

- The F-16 aircraft flew over the areas of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas)-Famagusta-Nicosia-Kyrenia, before returning to the FIR of Ankara.
- One F-4 aircraft flew over the area of Kyrenia, where it met with the F-16 aircraft, flying together over the area of Nicosia, before returning to the FIR of Ankara.
- The other F-4 aircraft flew over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before exiting in a southeasterly direction.
- The 9 F-5 aircraft flew over the area of Kyrenia, before landing at the illegal airport of Lefkoniko, in the occupied area of the Republic, where they performed an air show.

The C-160 aircraft flew over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before exiting in a southeasterly direction.

On 20 July, ten (10) Turkish military aircraft (5 F-4 and 5 F-16) entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus as follows:

- Two of the F-4 aircraft flew over the areas of the Cape of Apostolos Andreas and the remaining three over the areas of Famagusta-Nicosia-Kyrenia, before returning to the FIR of Ankara.
- Two of the F-16 aircraft flew over the areas of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas) and the remaining three flew over the areas of Famagusta-Nicosia-Kyrenia, before returning to the FIR of Ankara.
- Eight F-5 and one CN-235 aircraft departed the illegal airport of Lefkoniko, in the occupied area of the Republic, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the areas of Kyrenia-Famagusta-Nicosia, before landing again at the same illegal airport.

On 21 July, five (5) Turkish military aircraft (2 C-130, 1 C-160 and 2 CN-235) entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus as follows:

- One C-130 aircraft flew over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic, returning afterwards to the FIR of Ankara.
- The other C-130 aircraft flew over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Lefkoniko in the occupied area of the Republic, returning afterwards to the FIR of Ankara.

- The C-160 aircraft flew over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Lefkoniko in the occupied area of the Republic, returning afterwards to the FIR of Ankara.

- The two CN-235 aircraft flew over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic, returning afterwards to the FIR of Ankara.

Nine F-5 and one CN-235 aircraft departed the illegal airport of Lefkoniko in the occupied area of the Republic (they had landed there on 18 and 19 July, respectively), violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Kyrenia, returning afterwards to the FIR of Ankara.

On 22 and 23 July, three (3) Turkish military aircraft (2 C-130 and 1 C-160) entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus as follows:

- The C-130 aircraft flew over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Lefkoniko in the occupied area of the Republic, returning afterwards to the FIR of Ankara.

- The C-160 aircraft flew over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic, returning afterwards to the FIR of Ankara.

On 26 July, one (1) F-4 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 27 July, one (1) C-130 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before exiting in a southeasterly direction.

While noting that these violations have increased in frequency lately, I strongly protest these actions, which violate international law, as well as the Security Council resolutions on Cyprus, and call for their cessation. I would like, once more, to express the hope that the necessary positive attitude will be shown by Turkey, so that the current proximity talks that are taking place under your auspices, as well as all efforts for finding a just and viable solution of the Cyprus problem, on the basis of United Nations resolutions, will not be adversely affected.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 63, and of the Security Council.

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